

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? Can they exist separately?
2. What is the greatest wisdom and the greatest folly in the world today?
3. How is knowledge shared in these days? How is true wisdom shared with others?

SUMMARY:

Christians must WAKE UP! The “now generation” is not completely convinced of the wisdom of turning one’s life over to Christ. They do not always see in believers the immediate blessing of so doing in this present life. Are we, as believers, living examples of having chosen the path of wisdom? Are we still the “salt of the earth” whose influence causes others to “hunger and thirst after righteousness”? Those who love darkness and choose death everywhere are deceiving souls to reject and hate Christ. May believers’ lives stand out in bold contrast by the indwelling wisdom within their very bodies, and may we witness always to those who are choosing the way of utter foolishness.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

August 27, 2017

Third Quarter

THE VALUE OF WISDOM

LESSON TEXT: *Proverbs 8:1-36; 9:1-12*

LESSON SETTING: In the vicinity of Jerusalem where his palace was located.

TIME: Approximately 980 B.C., during the reign of Solomon.

- I. **WISDOM DESCRIBED.** Proverbs 8:1-36
 - A. A Universal Call and Warning (vs. 1-5) Isaiah 45:22; Revelation 22:17
 - B. The Message is Simply Righteousness (vs. 6-9) 1 Corinthians 15:34
 - C. Better than One’s Natural Desires (vs. 10-12) Proverbs 28:26; James 3:17
 - D. To be Sought in One’s Youth (vs. 17) Ecclesiastes 12:1; 2 Timothy 3:15
 - E. To be Found in Jesus Christ (vs. 22-36) 1 Corinthians 1:24; Colossians 2:3
- II. **WISDOM REWARDED.** Proverbs 9:1-12
 - A. Security with Daily Provision (vs. 1-5) Isaiah 55:1-3
 - B. Long Life with Blessing (vs. 6-12) Proverbs 11:19; 12:28

GOLDEN TEXT: *WISDOM IS BETTER THAN RUBIES; AND ALL THE THINGS THAT MAY BE DESIRED ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED WITH IT.*
Proverbs 8:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:24; 15:10;
19:18; 22:15; 28:12-14; Ephesians 6:4;
Colossians 20:22; Hebrews 12:9-11

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Proverbs 3:1-25

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writings of Solomon

TOPIC: THE WISDOM OF DISCIPLINE

INTRODUCTION:

The Wisdom of Discipline!

A few years ago some eminent teachers began to say that discipline was not good for a child. It inhibited the growth and development of a child. So with this new philosophy of life came a generation of uninhibited children. Thankfully not all parents followed these ideas, but maintained the wise teachings of Solomon. These parents believed Solomon's words "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15) They have known of the anguish of their own hearts when chastising the child, but knew it was necessary for the child's proper development. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." (Proverbs 19:18)

We can all say from experience as the apostle wrote "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Hebrews 12:11)

So likewise spiritually, we know that if we are not chastised we are illegitimate children, but if we are chastised we are sons of God. (Hebrews 12:8) May we receive His correction thankfully, and seek to grow thereby into well disciplined Christians.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The disciplined life is the wisest and happiest life.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CORRECTETH;
EVEN AS A FATHER THE SON IN WHOM HE IS DELIGHTED.*

Proverbs 3:12

Discipline or correction for a child is hard to accept and understand, yet the child that receives correction administered in love, is better behaved and seems to have more of an interest in doing things to please the parents. Even when the evil influence of Satan misleads the child, yet the overall relationship is one of confidence and trust. Such a child has learned the joys of being able to discuss problems and misdemeanors with their parents, confident of understanding and love.

Likewise, the true child of God desires to be obedient to the Lord and His Word, never practicing rebellion or loose living. Such a person may at times experience the correction or chastisement of God and will in true humility accept it as direction into a more devoted life. "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." (Hebrew 12:6) How do you accept the Lord's correction?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 28 – Sept. 3

- M. God's Discipline. Hebrews 12:9-15
- T. Putting Off the Old Man. Colossians 3:1-8
- W. Putting on the New Man. Colossians 3:9-17
- T. Discipline in Daily Relationships. Col. 3:18-25
- F. Considering Others. Ephesians 6:1-9
- S. *The Value of Discipline. Proverbs 13:13-25
- S. *The Teaching of Discipline. Proverbs 19:18-29

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